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LETTER DATED 17 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I hereby transmit the following information to you:

Following the expiry of the deadline set by the Security Council in its resolution 678 (1990) for the full implementation of its pertinent resolutions, Kuwait notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations that Iraqi forces continued to occupy all territories of the State of Kuwait. Accordingly, and pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 678 (1990), Kuwait wishes to inform you that it is exercising its right to self-defence and to the restoration of its rights, first and foremost among which is the recovery of its territories, occupied by Iraq since 2 August 1990. In doing so, the Kuwaiti forces are co-operating with the forces of fraternal and friendly States which are equally determined to end the obdurate Iraqi occupation.

We shall also transmit to you the statement issued by the Kuwaiti Council of Ministers concerning the beginning of the operation to liberate Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

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